REMARKS

Prior to consideration of the above-referenced application, Applicants request entry of the above amendments. This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to place the above-referenced national phase application based on international application Serial No. PCT/JP98/03828 in condition for examination. The amendments to the application provided herein add no new matter and are fully supported by the specification as filed.

Specifically, the specification has been amended to correct typographic and grammatical errors. Newly added claims 14-50 eliminate multiple dependencies from claims 1-13, and correspond directly to those claims. No new matter has been added by either the amendments to the specification or by new claims 14-50.

Early and favorable consideration of the above referenced application in light of these amendments is earnestly requested.

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